

DRAC Meeting Minutes 4/19

- Members Present: Eleanor Scott, Vanessa Blackburn, Rebecca McLean, Allison Mazurek, Cynthia Horne, Rebecca McLean, Amy Lazzell, Anne Melo, Erica Steele, Erin Emry, Finn Kurtz, Jannah Hinthorne, Jeanne Gaffney, Lyd Haindfield, Megan McGinnis, Rax Organa, Travis Cram, Timothy Fitzpatrick
- Motion to Approve Minutes from 3/29
 - Entertained by Vanessa Blackburn
 - Made by Travis Cram
 - Seconded by Cynthia Horne
 - Unanimous approval
- Budgets
 - We've gained some more info from S&A about budget guidelines and increased pay.
 - Copy of summary sheet should be in Teams folder.
 - Increased ask: 8%
 - We're trying to present our budget realistically without crippling our programs.
 - Multiple constituents have reduced their programs to the point where they can't reduce much more, which is why we're going beyond the 4% increase ask.
 - S&A approved 4% ask for rate increase.
 - Do we present a budget for what we need that's more than the 4% increase or follow the rules and likely get a lesser piece of the pie?
 - We'll likely go for the former – if we don't, we won't get what we truly need.
 - Hoping for DRAC to go last in budget presentation so we can get a sense of what other departments are asking for.
 - Meeting for an additional planning session to report on talking points for S&A reps. Will put on agenda for next meeting.
 - Reps should present how we'll be using reserves; show we're not just sitting on them.
 - Constituents, if you are drawing from reserves, be ready to put those request in.
 - Summer planning budgets were sent out by Rebecca.
- Next week:
 - Be prepared to provide talking points for funding.
 - Be prepared to present any reserve requests for this year. We will be voting on those next week.
- Associated Students said they will no longer be funding the Outback Farm.
 - Possibility of Outback Farm becoming part of DRAC?
 - Concern: how would the Farm meet the criteria to apply?